Service Commemorating

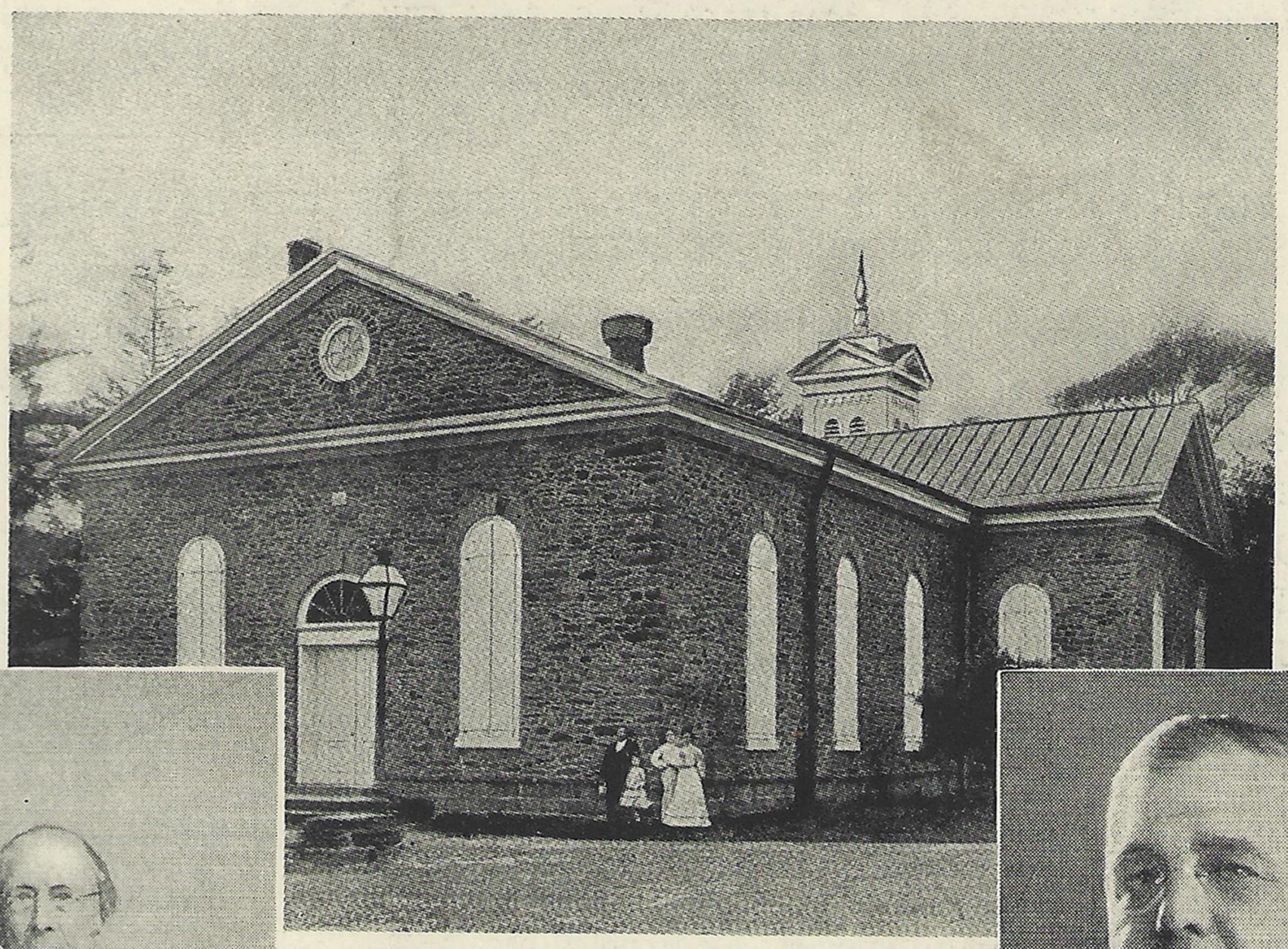
the sailing of

Swedish Pilgrims from Gothenburg, November 28, 1637

held in

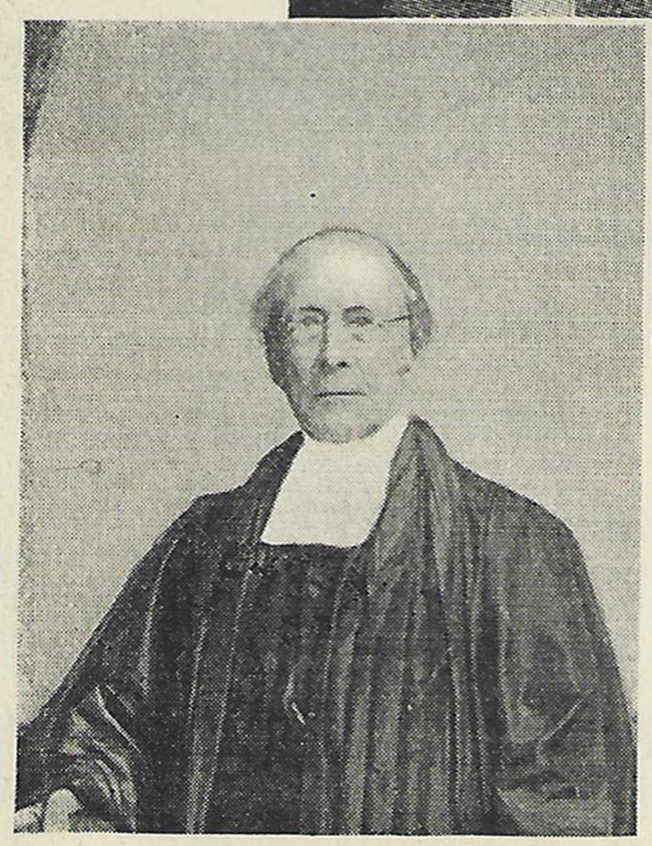
St. James' Church (Old Swedes) Kingsessing

November 28, 1937



ST. JAMES' CHURCH, KINGSESSING, WEST PHILADELPHIA
—The Second Swedish Church.
Founded 1760.

"Founded by Swedes, encouraged by Germans, fostered by the English Colonists, and cherished by successive generations of Americans, this church is a memorial of the days when 'foreign missionaries' labored faithfully in the American wilderness."



Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D.D.
Last Rector of the United Churches
1831-1843

Rev. Wm. Roberts, B.D.
Present Rector of
St. James' Church
1930—

Woodland Avenue at Sixty-eighth Street

Early Pastors of the United Swedish Lutheran Churches of Wiccaco, Kingsessing and Upper Merion

Revs. C. M. Wrangel.....Died 1786
Andreas Goeranson 1768-1779
Jehu Curtis Clay.....1831-1843
Matthias Hultgren 1779-1786
Dr. Nicholas Collin.....1786-1831

RECTORS OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH AFTER SEPARATION, 1843

Revs. C. S. Brinkle.....1843-1848
J. Brinton Smith.....1848-1856
William Roberts 1930-
Charles A. Maison.....1857-1895
S. Lord Gilberson.....1895-1930

FIRST WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCHES AND SIGNERS OF CHARTER, OCTOBER 17, 1765

†Reynolds Keen
†William Jones
†Charles Robinson
†Peter Rambo
Joseph Johnson
Elias Toy
Benjamin Johnson
†Jacob Keen
George Mellin
John Peywell
Otto Nisellis
†Moses Yockam
Nels Jonason
Luke Nedermark
George Grantham
†William Boon
†George Morton
†Andrew Urien
†Tobias Rambo
†Peter Holsten

† In this churchyard lie the ancestors of many Swedish families, whose graves are kept with reverence and preserved inviolate.

"What an image of peace and rest;
Is this little church among its graves;
All is quiet; the troubled breast,
The wounded spirit, the heart oppressed,
Here may find the repose it craves."

PRESENT WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN

Rector's Warden.....Richard Tangye
Accounting Warden.....William Shaw
Secretary.....James W. Anderson

Robert C. Acton, Sr.
George J. Atchison
John Moore
P. John Moore
Ross Powers
John Truitt

Program

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Organ Prelude (J. Bennett Bradt, organist)—Toccato from 5th Symphony
Widor

Processional Hymn 430

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining words in splendor through the skies,
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
In this free land by thee our lot is cast;
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defence;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine. Amen.

Daniel C. Roberts, 1876, abr.

Opening Sentences

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him. *Hab. ii.* 20.
I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. *Psalm cxxii.* 1.

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. *Psalm xxvi.* 8.

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Minister. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

The Collect.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. Amen.

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Collect for Grace.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant The President of the United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Sweden and the Royal Household.
A free translation from the Swedish Prayer Book.

THOU Eternal and Aimighty God, who hast created all things and art our protector, Be Thou the strength and shield of our fatherland, give it grace and peace, bless and protect our King together with his entire household, grant thine aid to the government, and be thou gracious unto us for the sake of Jesus Christ, considering not our sins lest we come short of that peace which it is thine alone to give, we ask it in the name of thy Son our blessed Lord. Amen

A General Thanksgiving.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Address of Welcome.....Mr. Ormond Rambo, Jr.
Vice President of the Swedish-American Tercentenary Association, Representing Governor Earle.

Anthem—"Hear Us Svea," by the Swedish Vasa Choir, under the direction of Mr. Valdemar Olsen.....*Wennerberg*

First Lesson—Ecclesiastes II:1-11

"Battle Prayer"—Vasa Choir.....*Lindblad*

Second Lesson—I St. Peter 2:1-15

Muntra Musikanterna—Vasa Choir.....*Riccius*

Sermon Hymn 494

1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,
Above the noise of selfish strife,
We hear thy voice, O Son of man.

2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
On shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
From paths where hide the lures of greed,
We catch the vision of thy tears.

3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
From woman's grief, man's burdened toil,
From famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
Thy heart hath never known recoil.

4 The cup of water given for thee
Still holds the freshness of thy grace;
Yet long these multitudes to see
The sweet compassion of thy face.

5 O Master, from the mountain side,
Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
Among these restless throngs abide,
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till sons of men shall learn thy love,
And follow where thy feet have trod;
Till glorious from thy heaven above,
Shall come the City of our God. Amen.

Frank Mason North, 1905

Address—"The Spiritual Heritage of the Swedish Colonists"
The Rev. Sigurd A. Forsmark

Offertory Sentence

REMEMBER the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts xx.* 35.

Offertory Anthem—"Ye shall dwell in the Land, which I gave to your Fathers"
—St. James' Choir.....*Stainer*

Let us pray:

Prayer for Every Man in his Work.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth; Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several callings, from the service of mammon, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do, in truth, in beauty, and in righteousness, with singleness of heart as thy servants, and to the benefit of our fellow men; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

THE God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Recessional 539

1 Through the night of doubt and sorrow
Onward goes the pilgrim band,
Singing songs of expectation,
Marching to the promised land.
Clear before us through the darkness
Gleams and burns the guiding light:
Brother clasps the hand of brother,
Stepping fearless through the night.

2 One, the light of God's own presence,
O'er his ransomed people shed,
Chasing far the gloom and terror,
Brightening all the path we tread:
One, the object of our journey,
One, the faith which never tires,
One, the earnest looking forward,
One, the hope our God inspires:

3 One, the strain the lips of thousands
Lift as from the heart of one;
One the conflict, one the peril,
One, the march in God begun:
One, the gladness of rejoicing
On the far eternal shore,
Where the One Almighty Father
Reigns in love for evermore.

4 Onward therefore, pilgrim brothers,
Onward, with the cross our aid!
Bear its shame, and fight its battle,
Till we rest beneath its shade!
Soon shall come the great awaking;
Soon the rending of the tomb;
Then the scattering of all shadows,
And the end of toil and gloom!

Danish; Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1825

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An Excerpt from

"BYWAYS and BOULEVARDS"

In and About HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA
By FRANCIS BURKE BRANDT
and HENRY VOLKMAR GUMMERE

At Woodland Avenue and Sixty-ninth Street, we meet another landmark of the early Swedish settlers in Philadelphia,—the historic St. James' of Kingsessing, built by the Swedes in 1760. Facing the older section of the church building is a picturesque dismounting step, reminder of bygone customs and ye olden days. The datestone, high in the gabled front, came from England in 1762. St. James' was the second of the three churches built by the Swedes. Until 1840 the records of St. James' of Kingsessing were entered upon the registers of the church at Wiccaco. Dr. Nicholas Cullin of "Gloria Dei," the last of the line of Swedish ministers sent out as missionaries by the King of Sweden, even when the colonies had passed under British rule, officiated over all three Swedish Churches until his death in 1831. In 1786 the vestry informed his Majesty of Sweden that, while agreeing to receive the Rev. Mr. Cullin as their pastor and rector, it reserved the right hereafter of their own appointment of a minister, particularly, so this letter said, "as the Swedish language was almost entirely extinct in Pennsylvania." The broadminded answer of the Swedish king is still cherished. Here in old St. James' of Kingsessing on Washington Post Road, the oldest highway in Pennsylvania, lie the bodies of soldiers buried on the retreat of Washington from his defeat at Brandywine. St. James' was brought into union with the convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1844. The main building, The Sparks Memorial, housing all organizations and a Sunday School, was condemned on Friday, October 17th, 1936, by the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Building Inspection.

This condition severely handicaps the work St. James' Church is doing. In answer to the almost universal question of visitors as to whether there is an active work being done, the Rector's Warden states that in the past seven years there has been 228 baptisms and 218 confirmations, that renovations and improvements were accomplished through the aid of public-spirited citizens who sponsored the work to the amount of some $30,000.

It is hoped that sufficient funds may be raised to completely renovate the church and the Sparks Memorial building as well as to furnish some endowment for the unkeep of the buildings and cemetery, where lie many Swedish forbears.

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† Deceased. "May They Rest in Peace and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them."

1637 1937

IN THE YEAR 1624
THE ILLUSTRIOUS KING GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS
TOOK STEPS FOR SWEDISH COLONIZATION IN THE NEW WORLD
IN THE REIGN OF QUEEN CHRISTINA UNDER DIRECTION OF
HER CHANCELLOR COUNT AXEL OXENSTIERNA
THERE WAS SENT IN 1637 FROM THE PORT OF GOTHENBURG
IN SWEDISH SHIPS THE KALMAR NYCKEL AND THE FOGEL GRIP
THE FIRST EXPEDITION TO PLANT THE COLONY OF NEW SWEDEN
ALONG THE BANKS OF THE DELAWARE RIVER
THUS ESTABLISHING THE FOUNDATIONS OF
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
THEREFORE
IN GRATEFUL COMMEMORATION THIS TABLET IS PRESENTED
TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING AND
HIS PEOPLE OF SWEDEN
BY THE PEOPLE OF PENNSYLVANIA
AND DEDICATED BY THEIR GOVERNOR
GEORGE H. EARLE
TITULAR SUCCESSOR TO JOHAN PRINTZ FIRST GOVERNOR OF
THE COLONY OF NEW SWEDEN
THE FIRST PERMANENT WHITE SETTLEMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

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